Report from the Users' Center

Presentation to the RHIC & AGS Users' Executive Committee

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Items Being Addressed at Users' Center

- UEC budget & account
- Programming issues
- Cyber Security
- Association of Students & Post-docs (ASAP)
- National User Facility Organization (NUFO)
- Sundries



Items Being Addressed – UEC Account

- Request made to open a BSA UEC account with funds created from food credit given to the UEC from Nayyerson's resulting from banquet catering problems
 - Nayyerson's credit will not be returned to BSA—this is good
 - Money has been set aside for next annual meeting—this is not exactly what was requested
- Issues still pending
 - What can we use the money for?
 - Recommend funds be used to move UEC page off of the BNL domain



Items Being Addressed – Programming Issues

- 10 programming items requested from BSD
- 2 being worked on by BSD
- 1 items awaiting response from Susan
- 7 pending until ITD, Fiscal, and other staff are available to work on projects



Items Being Addressed – Cyber Security

- ATLAS users are still completing cyber security training. Target completion date September 30th
- Tom Schlagel will address all other cyber issues



Items Being Addressed - ASAP

- ASAP party at end of August—fairly well attended
- ASAP supporting UEC initiatives
 - Café proposal
 - ASAP lounge move



Items Being Addressed - NUFO

- NUFO membership continues to increase
- Second NUFO UEC telephone conference
 September 1 with 11 participants
 - Continued discussion on organizing coordinated district visits by members of user organizations to Congressional members' offices near the election
- Third NUFO telephone conference scheduled for October 23
 - Need funds to pay for bridge connection



Items Being Addressed - NUFO

- Administrative details still being worked on
 - UEC appoint a contact person(s) for this project
 - Assemble database of PI's at each institution
 - Call PI's to assemble willing participants to visit district offices
 - Collect and merge these names with lists from other user organizations to coordinate visits
 - Develop standard one-page leave behind



Items Being Addressed – Sundries

- Update on BNL's Guests & Visitors Center can be found in the Site Access and Science Working Group presentation
- Paperless office
- Users' Center staff to move to Research
 Support Building in November



Questions, comments, & suggestions are always welcome